

Sampson Williams to Andrew Jackson, April 25, 1808, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

S. WILLIAMS TO JACKSON.

Carthage, Tennessee, April 25, 1808.

Dear sir. Since you left here politicks have ceased and the greatest harmony imaginable pervads all ranks, the only two converts you made while here have retrograded, or in other words they say that they only supported Munroe¹ out of politeness to you, because that you were a stranger, and I can assure you sir without you or some other friend of Munroes return to this quarter he will have but few friends—at present I know of none nor do I suspect but one. I know that you have been at considerable trouble and expence in Electioneering for him and I thought it a duty that I owe you from our long and friendly acquaintance to in- form you that any further Exertion in his favor will be lost for your friend cannot come in this heat.

Your friend Fite says that he cannot stand alone and at present he does not know who he shall support for Elector and without James Lyon declares unequivocally in favor of Madison he shall not vote for him but let the presidential Election terminate as it may, my friendship for you is the same it ever was and will not cease untill I have reasons to change my present opinion. you know caucasing is necessary on Extra- ordinary Occasions. at all events my sincere wish is that the best man may be Elected and if I should be mistaken in my choice and hereafter be convinced as I heretofore have been I shall acknowledge my error and repent for the injury done my country and try to repair it on some future Occasion which is all I think that is required of sinners, but I hope that we shall get all right after a while.

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Accept sir the assurances of my Esteem and believe to be a true Republican of 76